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The Siskin *(Carduelis spinus).* This finch is a visitor to Britain during the winter, and occasionally stays to breed here. It is also imported as a cage-bird from Germany, where it is caught in great numbers in the pine forests, but its note cannot be dignified by the name of "song." It is, however, a pretty little bird, and soon becomes friendly. The Siskin, as a rule, builds in a fir tree from 15 to 20 feet from the ground, the nest consisting of heather twigs, grass stalks and pine needles, lined with rootlets, moss, and fur. This contains four to six eggs of greenish grey, spotted reddish brown.

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